Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

8. (New) A rotary press comprising:

a printing unit having at least one printing cylinder for applying ink to paper to form printed paper;

a dryer disposed downstream of the printing unit for drying the ink on said printed paper;

a guide roller positioned between said printing unit and said dryer for guiding the printed paper from said printing unit into said dryer; and

a drive unit drivingly coupled to said guide roller;

wherein said guide roller has a diameter which is equal to, or an integral multiple of, a diameter of the printing cylinder; and

wherein said drive unit includes means for driving said guide roller to rotate synchronously with the printing cylinder and at a peripheral speed that is identical to that at which the printing cylinder is rotated.

9. (New) A rotary press as set forth in claim 8, wherein the rotary press is a multiweb rotary press comprising:

a plurality of paper feeders for supplying a plurality of webs, respectively;

a plurality of said printing units for applying ink to said webs to form printed webs, respectively; and

a plurality of said guide rollers for guiding the printed webs from the printing units into the dryer, respectively;

wherein said dryer is disposed downstream of all said printing units for drying the printed webs;

wherein said paper feeders are disposed in line extending substantially in a direction in which the webs are supplied individually therefrom, and wherein the printing units are disposed in line extending substantially in a direction in which the webs from the paper feeders are to travel therethrough individually, whereby the webs are printed in parallel with one another, and the printed webs are then dried and thereafter placed one on top of another to form a product therefrom; and

wherein one web which is printed through a printing unit that is disposed farthest downstream passes directly into the drier, and each of said plurality of webs other than said one web is guided by a guide roller disposed downstream of each of the respective printing units so as to bypass such printing units and said printing unit disposed farthest downstream and then to travel into the dryer.

10. (New) A rotary press as set forth in claim 8, wherein the printing cylinder is replaceably inserted in said printing unit to be replaceable by a replacement printing cylinder, and the guide roller is replaceably installed in the rotary press to be replaceable by a replacement guide roller, whereby the replacement guide roller has a diameter which is equal to, or an integral multiple of, a diameter of the replacement printing cylinder.

11. (New) A rotary press as set forth in claim 8, wherein said printing unit is a

perfecting printer.

12. (New) A rotary press as set forth in claim 9, wherein the printing cylinder is replaceably inserted in said printing unit to be replaceable by a replacement printing cylinder, and the guide roller is replaceably installed in the rotary press to be replaceable by a replacement guide roller, whereby the replacement guide roller has a diameter which is equal to, or an integral multiple of, a diameter of the replacement printing cylinder.

13. (New) A rotary press as set forth in claim 9, wherein said printing unit is a perfecting printer.

14. (New) A rotary press as set forth in claim 10, wherein said printing unit is a perfecting printer.